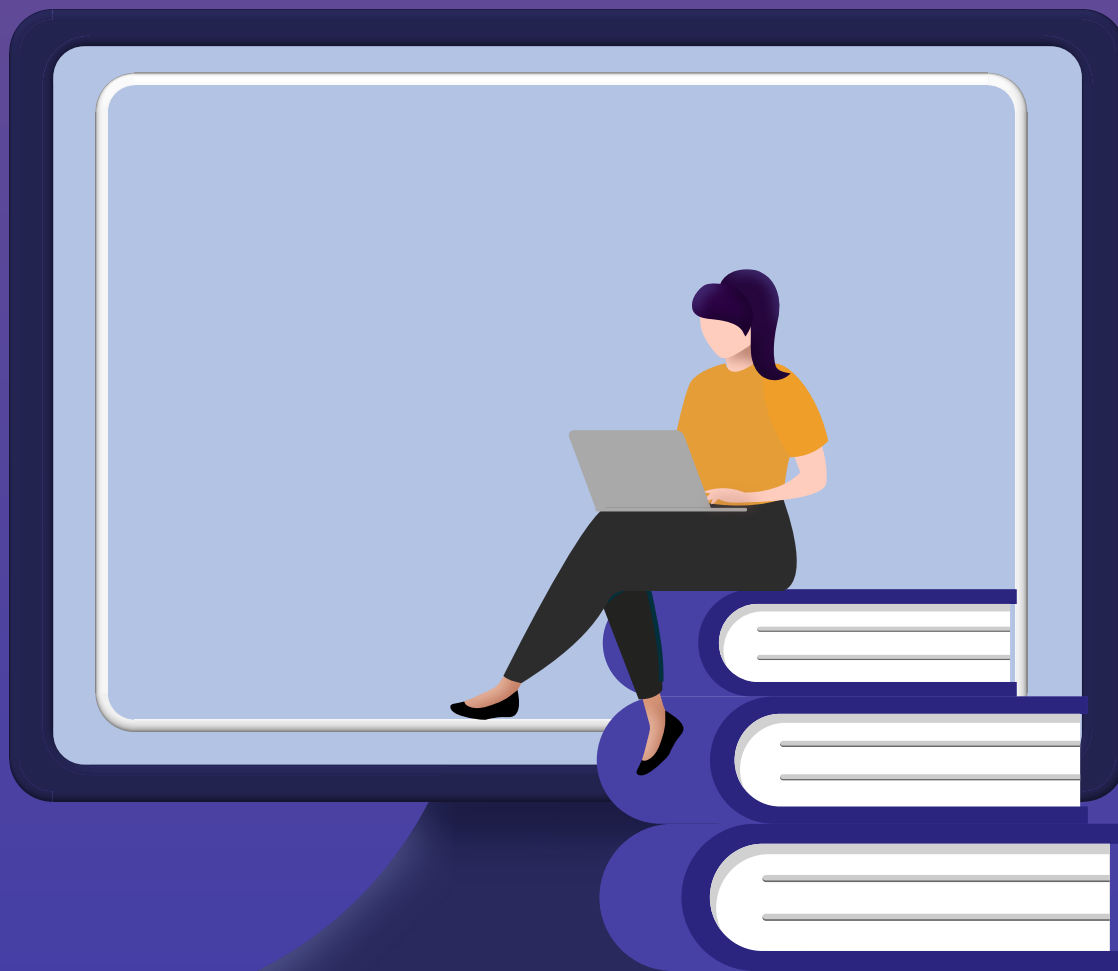


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English language Proficiency Tests for University Admission

There are two main tests to test the proficiency of the English language. They are TOEFL- iBT / IELTS. In order to take these tests one must pass certain stages. These stages include:

- Reading
- Listening
- Speaking
- Writing

IELTS Structure

- The IELTS exam is marked out of 9 bands.
- There are 4 sections and each section is graded out of 9 bands.
- The test can be paper based or computer based.
- The sections of Reading and Listening are objective types.
- The sections of Writing and Speaking are subjective types.
- This test is accepted by all countries all over the world.

TOEFL Structure

- The TOEFL exam is marked out of 120 points.
- Each Section is graded out 30 points and is totalled to 120.
- In India , TOEFL is administered in iBT Format Only.
- The sections of Reading and Listening are objective types.
- The sections of Writing and Speaking are subjective types.
- TOEFL is primarily accepted by the USA.



IELTS

- It is either paper based or computer based.
- Each section and overall is marked out of 9 bands.
- The Speaking section Happens on a different day and Reading, Listening, Writing on the same Day.
- There is no negative marking.
- Results are shared within 10 days.
- The test is conducted by IDP.
- The exam fee is 15,500 INR.
- The speaking section happens in an interview format.

TOEFL

- It is only Internet based.
- The whole section is marked out of 120 points with each section being marked out of 30 marks
- All the sections happen on the same day.
- There is no negative marking.
- Results are shared within 10-15 days.
- The test is conducted by ETS.
- The exam fee is 190 USD/15,500 INR.
- The speaking section happens in a recording format.

IELTS Exam format

Listening

There are 40 questions that are to be answered in 30 minutes.

1. It is based on a multiple choice format.
2. The test includes diagram labeling, sentence completion and summary completion.

Reading

1. There are 40 questions that are to be answered in 60 minutes.
2. It is based on a multiple choice format.
3. The test includes matching features, matching headings, sentence completion and summary completion.

Writing

1. There are 2 questions that are to be answered in 60 minutes.
2. There are two writing tasks.

Speaking

1. The test is of 11-14 minutes.
2. There are three parts in this section.

TOEFL Exam Format

- Reading

There are 30-40 questions that are to be answered in 54-72 minutes.

- Listening

There are 30-40 questions that are to be answered in 41-57 minutes.

- Speaking

There are 4 questions that are to be answered in 17 minutes.

- Writing

There are 2 questions that are to be answered in 50 minutes.



Important Factors

- Which exam to choose?

Choose as per the requirement of the University or the format with which you are comfortable.

- Timeline

Plan to take the test within 1-3 months before your application for Jan/Sep Opens.

- Level of Difficulty

Both the tests are almost equal when it comes to level of difficulty however because of the format of Speaking/Writing one may appear more difficult than the other.

- Importance

While the tests do not alter your chance of getting an admit, it is critical to score a minimum to be eligible for any school.

- Preparation

These tests are easy and do not have any specific syllabus so all you need is a time bound practice.

- What is a good score?

IELTS- No Section less than 6.5 and over all 7

TOEFL- No Section less than 20 and overall 95

Student Application & Success Journey

Miss Manshi Suhag shares her application to admit journey with Scholist here.

My life became simple after meeting her

Introduction

My name is Manshi. I am pursuing my Master's in Political science from the University of Delhi. I have been working with various institutions related to women's empowerment and security. I always wanted to pursue my education in the US as they are known for best research institutions with rigorous training in Social sciences.



How my journey started

When I decided I wanted to pursue a PhD to become a professor, the US became my first choice to apply. I honestly had dreams without a plan due to a lack of guidance and here Scholist came to my rescue. After meeting Ms. Soumita Sen ,my counselor, my life became simpler from the university shortlisting to evaluating my CV. Not only did she guide me through my test prep and application understanding but also motivated me to follow the right path in approaching the application process. She believed in me and my dreams even though I was not sure about my capabilities. After getting my first offer of admissions from SUNY-State University of NewYork, Buffalo in masters in Political science, it was like all my hard work was worth it and I am standing at a place where I can see my dreams.

My Advice

I just want to say to future aspirants please believe in yourself if I can, you can too. Just be focused and take every step precisely, trust the right people with relevant experience and follow your dreams.

- Manshi Suhag

IELTS/TOEFL Grammar Quiz

Most University Students.....on campus in their first year.

1. Live
2. Lives
3. Was Living
4. Were living

California is popular states in the USA among International Students.

1. One more
2. The Most
3. One of the most
4. Majorly

I finished my essay yesterday butto the university yet.

1. Haven't submitted
2. Did not submit
3. Not submitting
4. Hadn't submitted

IELTS/TOEFL Grammar Quiz

What will you do if you.....

1. Haven't the minimum score
2. Don't get the minimum score
3. Didn't get the minimum score
4. Will not get the minimum score

I Princeton University next fall.

1. Am joining
2. Have joined
3. Shall be joining
4. Shall have joined



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